

brings to the city and a cogent reminder of the appreciation of Brewer's citizens for a local business that goes above and beyond the call of duty. I congratulate the Brewer Federal Credit Union for its recent award and wish everyone at the credit union continued success in their kind endeavors.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, with amendments.

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3625. An act to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

At 1:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons.

H. Res. 52. A resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Cliff Akiyama M.A. of California to the Congressional Award Board.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints

the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. GUS M. BILIRAKIS of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas; and, in addition: Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 D.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. DINGELL of Michigan and Mr. GILCREST of Maryland.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 5:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3668. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA), the abstinence education program, and the qualifying individuals (QI) program, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the

United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3411. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage Vessel Overhaul, Repair, and Maintenance" (DFARS Case 2007-D001) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3412. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AD76) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2007 Australia Group Plenary Meeting; Addition to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AE08) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3414. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Terms and Exemptions Relating to the 'Broker' Exceptions for Banks" (RIN3235-AJ74) received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3415. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions for Banks Under Section 3(a)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Related Rules" (RIN3235-AJ77) received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3416. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3417. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XC23) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3418. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Massachusetts 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC05) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3419. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Newtown Creek/Greenpoint Oil Spill Study"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3420. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NAFTA: Merchandise Processing Fee Exemption and Technical Correction" (RIN1505-AB58) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3421. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier II Issue: Contractual Allowances" (LMSB-04-0807-056) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3422. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Transition Relief and Additional Guidance on the Application of Section 409A to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans" (Notice 2007-78) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3423. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Insurance Company Proration Rules; Company Owned Life Insurance" (Rev. Proc. 2007-61) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3424. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aggregation of Reverse 704(c) Gain" (Rev. Proc. 2007-59) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3425. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 812" (Rev. Rul. 2007-54) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3426. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Active Conduct of a Trade or Business" (Notice 2007-60) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3427. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms sold commercially in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Malaysia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3428. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-181 to 2007-191); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3429. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two agreements reached between the American Institute in Taiwan and other organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3430. A communication from the Director of Administration, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's commercial activity inventory for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3431. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Glycerol Ester of Tall Oil Rosin" (Docket No. 2006F-0225) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3432. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Polydextrose" (Docket No. 2006F-0059) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3433. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D and C Black No. 3; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. 1995C-0286) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3434. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Food and Drug Administration's fulfillment of the conditions specified in the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3435. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Food and Drug Administration's collection and spending of animal drug user fees during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3436. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of the Filtering Facepiece Respirator for Use by the General Public in Public Health Medical Emergencies" (Docket No. 2007N-0198) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3437. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Safe Handling Statements: Labeling of Shell Eggs" ((RIN0910-ZA23)(Docket No. 2004N-0382)) received on September 11, 2007; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3438. A communication from the Chairperson, District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3439. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3440. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's commercial activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3441. A communication from the White House Liaison, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3442. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government-Furnished Headstone and Marker Regulation" (RIN2900-AM64) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute: S. 1671. A bill to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-185).

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 835. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2467. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2765. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2778. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".